

2009 Golden Idol Talent Competition

Official Rules and Entry Form

Eligibility

The competition is open only to AMATEURS.

Amateurs are defined as persons or groups whose talent is not a source of taxable income.

Individuals or groups may accept donations but may not rely on the talent as a source of income.

Individuals must be Milwaukee County residents and participants at a Milwaukee County Senior Center.

Groups must include at least one Milwaukee County resident, as well as at least one Milwaukee County Senior Center participant.

You may register at a senior center any time before the contest.

Past winners of the Golden Idol award are not eligible to apply.

Acts are limited to: musicians, vocalists, vocal groups, musical groups, presentations by mixed vocal and musical groups and dancers.

Contestants must be 50 or older.

Participants will be asked to verify affiliation with a Milwaukee County Senior Center



Time Warner Cable's Wisconsin on Demand (WloD) Viewer's Choice Voting Procedures

Selection of Top 10 Semi – finalists

- Time Warner Cable's Wisconsin on Demand Digital Cable Channel 1111 will conduct a Viewer's Choice competition to help select the top 10 semi-finalists.
- Voting on WloD will begin Monday, April 27 and end Sunday, May 10. A vote is counted each time the contestant's audition is viewed on WloD.
- Votes will be counted during these two weeks.

These votes will be combined with the judges scores to determine the top 10 finalists.

Winners Duties

The Golden Idol winner or First, Second or Third Place runner-up of the Milwaukee County Golden Idol Amateur Talent Contest, is expected to honor reasonable requests to perform at special events in Milwaukee County over 12 months following the contest.

Official Entry

Official entry forms are available at All Milwaukee County Senior Center locations.

1. Completed entry forms will be accepted at any Milwaukee County Senior Center
2. **Entries must be returned no later than 4:30 P.M. Friday, March 20, 2009. No exceptions.**
3. If you are selected to audition, you will be notified on or before Friday, April 10, 2009 via telephone.
Three unsuccessful attempts to contact applicants will result in disqualification.

Auditions

1. Auditions will be held on Thursday April 16, 2009 at Wilson Park Senior Center from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. and Tuesday April 21, 2009 at Clinton and Bernice Rose Senior Center from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm.
2. Contestants should plan to arrive at least one-half hour before their scheduled audition appointment.
3. Auditions are limited to 4 minutes. You will be stopped after 4 minutes have passed. Musical groups and vocalists are allowed to perform a medley of tunes, but must remain within the four-minute time limit. Judges will be instructed to markoff penalty points resulting in a LOWER SCORE for contestants going OVER TIME. Any other rule violation would likely result in disqualification from further competition.
4. An accompanist, when not a part of the act, may be any age. Vocalists may use taped accompaniment or CDs, provided the tape or CD contains musical accompaniment only. Absolutely NO VOCALS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED on vocal performance accompaniment tapes or compact discs. No lapel microphones or headset microphones will be allowed. You must use the equipment provided by the Golden Idol Contest Coordinators
5. Be sure Compact Discs are of high quality. A bad recording detracts from a performance. Music will be collected when contestants are called to perform. COMPACT DISCS MUST BE CUED AND READY TO PLAY PRIOR TO YOUR PERFORMANCE. For vocalist CDS, they MAY NOT HAVE ANY VOCALS OF ANY KIND. Vocal acts WILL BE DISQUALIFIED if there are vocals on the accompaniment CD.

Final Competition

1. The competition will be held on Tuesday, June 2 2009, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, at American Serb Hall, 5101 West Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53219.
2. Contestants are judged on quality of performance (talent), stage presence (use of stage/microphone, eye contact, etc.), entertainment value (was the audience entertained, did they enjoy the act) and selection (did the selection fit the contestant's ability to perform, was it appropriate for the performer/venue/audience).

Judges' decision is final (this applies throughout the auditions as well as the finals)
Score sheets are not released to contestants or the public.

Time Warner Cable's Wisconsin on Demand (WloD) Viewer's Choice 1st Place Winner

Time Warner Cable's Wisconsin on Demand Digital Cable Channel 1111 will conduct a Viewer's Choice competition to determine one "Viewer's Choice" Winner.

This is a separate award that will be presented on June 2, 2009 at the final competition.

The winner of the WloD Viewer's Choice Award is eligible to win the prizes voted on by the judges as well. Voting on WloD for the "Viewer's Choice" 1st Place Winner will begin Monday, May 18 and end Sunday, May 31. A vote is counted each time the contestant's audition is viewed on WloD.

A prize will be presented to the WloD "Viewer's Choice" Award winner.

Prizes

There will be a prize for the Golden Idol winner and the first, second and third place runners-up.

Winners must be willing to perform as requested by Milwaukee County at reasonable intervals throughout the year following the contest. There may be requests for daytime or evening appearances and these will not be paid engagements.

All performers are expected to sign a photo and name release to be used in promotional materials as determined by Milwaukee County, Golden Idol Sponsors and Time Warner Cable.

Completed entry forms must be submitted to any participating Milwaukee County Senior center before the DEADLINE OF MARCH 20, 2009

**NO ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE
March 20, 2009**

2009 ENTRY FORM

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ENTRANT OR AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF GROUP MUST BE A RESIDENT OF MILWAUKEE COUNTY.
THE ACTIVITY ENTERED IN THIS COMPETITION MAY NOT BE A SOURCE OF TAXABLE INCOME FOR THE
INDIVIDUAL CONTESTANT OR ANY MEMBER OF AN ENTERED GROUP.

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP/ ACT:

CONTACT

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

BEST PHONE contact for call backs (April 10) _____

DESCRIPTION OF ACT:

NUMBER OF PERFORMERS: _____

GROUP MEMBER NAMES: Attach extra sheet if more space needed)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU OR YOUR GROUP BEEN DOING THIS ACT?

USE THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS FORM TO WRITE A BRIEF RESUME OF YOUR PERFORMING SKILLS, TALENT
AND EXPERIENCES. NO ACT OR INDIVIDUAL WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THIS ADDITION.

Signature of Contestant or Group Leader

Name of Group or individual _____

Check preference for audition location and date:

___ April 16th
at Wilson Senior Center, 2601 W. Howard Ave.

OR:

___ April 21st
at Clinton & Bernice Rose Senior Center, 3045 N. Martin Luther King Dr.

DESCRIPTION OF PERFORMING SKILLS, TALENT AND EXPERIENCES

Tell us about yourself or your group, how you came to be a performer, (how your group got together) some of the places you've performed and why you enjoy performing.

You may attach a typed sheet (please staple securely). If you handwrite please print legibly.

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THE INFORMATION AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE ENTRY RULES, AND THAT: I, OR AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF MY GROUP, IS A PARTICIPANT OF THE FOLLOWING MILWAUKEE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER:

Print Name of Senior Center here

I,, OR AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF MY GROUP, IS A RESIDENT OF MILWAUKEE COUNTY.
NEITHER I, NOR ANY MEMBERS OF THE ABOVE NAMED GROUP, ENGAGE IN THIS ACTIVITY AS A SOURCE OF TAXABLE INCOME THE PERSONAL INFORMATION AS SET FORTH IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Sign here

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THIS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM IS MARCH 20, 2009 4:30PM
NO EXCEPTIONS.**